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Greece's Socialist prime minister, Andreas Papandreou, may soon see his dream of a Balkan nuclear-free zone shattered -- but not by his favorite whipping boy, Uncle Sam. My intelligence sources say the Soviets are preparing bases in southwestern Bulgaria -- right on Papandreou's doorstep -- for super-secret deployment of SS-22s, their new medium-range nuclear missiles. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's recent halt of intermediate-range missile deployment in Europe probably won't change the Soviets' plans for Bulgaria.

The target of these missiles won't be Athens, of course; the SS-22s will be aimed at the American cruise and Pershing 2 missile sites in Comiso, Sicily. The U.S./NATO missiles in Great Britain and West Germany are already vulnerable to SS-22s in East Germany and Czechoslovakia.

The Bulgarian bases will complete the Kremlin's counter-move against the cruise and Pershing 2 deployment. The Soviets will use medium-range missiles instead of ICBMs, which can then be reserved for targets in the United States.